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AUGUSTA COUPLE CHARGED
WITH BANKRUPTCY FRAUD

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **Charles and Carolyn Rolland of Augusta, Georgia** were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah, Ga. on May 2 , 2006 on two counts of bankruptcy fraud.

The indictment charges that Mr. and Mrs. Rolland knowingly and fraudulently concealed a parcel of land belonging to them from their creditors and the United States Trustee. Mr. and Mrs. Rolland were also charged with knowingly and fraudulently making a false statement to the United States Trustee during the course of their bankruptcy proceedings.

The maximum statutory penalty on each charge, upon conviction, is five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. An initial appearance has been scheduled before the U.S. Magistrate Judge in Augusta at 2:30 p.m. on May 17, 2006.

Wood emphasized that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the Augusta office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Special Agent Charles McKee is the lead case agent. The United States is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jay Weimer.

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